

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An elevator comprising a hoisting rope set having hoisting ropes of a substantially round cross-section, a counterweight and an elevator car suspended from the hoisting ropes and at least one rope pulley provided with rope grooves, the at least one rope pulley being a traction sheave coated with a material increasing the coefficient of friction, said traction sheave being driven by a drive machine to move the hoisting rope set, at least the traction sheave forms together with the hoisting rope set a material pair made of different materials that allows the hoisting rope to bite into the traction sheave after the coating on the surface of the traction sheave has been lost wherein the elevator is usable when the coating on the surface of the traction sheave has been lost.

2. (Previously Presented) The elevator as defined in claim 1, wherein the coating of the at least one rope pulley is made of rubber, polyurethane or other elastic material.

3. (Previously Presented) The elevator as defined in claim 1 or 2, wherein the hoisting ropes used are ropes having a diameter of less than 8 mm.

4. (Previously Presented) The elevator as defined in claim 1, wherein the hoisting ropes contain a load-bearing part twisted from steel wires.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A traction sheave for steel wire ropes and the traction sheave comprising rope grooves for hoisting ropes on an outer rim thereof and a coating increasing friction against the hoisting ropes, the material used in the traction sheave, at least under the coating on the outer rim of the traction sheave, is a material that allows the hoisting rope to bite into the material, the coating and the material under the coating being different materials wherein the elevator is usable when the coating has been lost.

7. (Withdrawn) The traction sheave as defined in claim 6, wherein the material of the traction sheave includes a portion made of one of soft steel, aluminum, cast iron and brass.

8. (Previously Presented) The traction sheave as defined in claim 6, wherein the sheave has at the bottom of the rope grooves of the traction sheave a groove allowing the hoisting rope to bite into the groove.

9. (Previously Presented) The traction sheave as defined in claim 8, wherein the groove provided under the coating in the rope groove is one of an undercut groove and a V-shaped groove.

10. (Previously Presented) The traction sheave as defined in claim 6, wherein the material comprises an insert in at least one of the rope grooves allowing the hoisting rope to bite into the insert, said insert being implanted under the coating on the traction sheave, the insert maintaining a grip between the traction sheave and the hoisting rope when the coating is removed.

11. (Withdrawn) The traction sheave as defined in claim 1, wherein the sheave has under the coating in the rope groove on the outer rim of the traction sheave a roughened area for maintaining a grip between the hoisting rope and the traction sheave.

12. (Previously Presented) The elevator as defined in claim 3, wherein the diameter of the ropes is 3-5 mm.

13. (Currently Amended) A traction sheave for steel wire ropes and the traction sheave comprising rope grooves for hoisting ropes on an outer rim thereof and a coating increasing friction against the hoisting ropes, the material used in the traction sheave, at least under the coating on the outer rim of the traction sheave, is a material that allows the hoisting rope to bite

into the material, wherein the traction sheave and hoisting ropes are made of different materials
wherein the elevator is usable when the coating has been lost.

14. (Canceled)